Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia

FISH BAIT SUIT IS ON

Involves the Cold Storage In dustry at Norfolk.

IS NO CHICKEN STATUTE

Norfolk Has Ordinances Defining Oertain Limitations for the Depredations of Boys and Geese, but None for Chickens.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., March 11.—Evidence in the fish balt sult was resumed this mornand the case occupied the Court of Law and Chancery the whole day, Stillman & Co, sent three schooners here last November expecting that they would be supplied with bait from here during the fishing season. Instead of fresh and alt with which to entice the fish, plaintiff alleges that rotten fish were offered, hence the three schooners were The testimony shows that a break in the floor of the cold storage prevented the temperature from remaining cold enough to keep the spoiling. The temperature must be below freezing. When it was allowed to become warmer than 23 degrees the bunkers were no good for bait, white fish or porgies, an inferior species of fish often plentiful in these waters, and used for oil and for making a fertilizer that is valuable for several It is the first suit involving the cold storage business here, and it is creating great interest in business circles so many articles are stored for future use by the various merchants plaintiff won a verdict of \$1,430

for spoiled fish bait. The storage warehouse is responsible for not maintaining a freezing temperature.

Clarence N. Howell, of Park Place, has written to the Mayor for relief and protection against horses and chickens. He says that his property there is about to be ruined by the depredations of stray beasts and birds, which invade his premises. E. M. Darden, the Mayor's clerk, was compelled to admit that the city ordinances did not protect a citizen against was compelled to admit that the city or-dinances did not protect a citizen against predatory chickens. The Code mentions horses and geese and boys, and directs that the victims may complain to the policeman and have the depredators im-pounded or obtain a warrant against their owner. But there is no ordinance reme-dy against chickens.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

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Jessamine Toce has filed notice of a guit for divorce in the Court of Law and Chancery against her husband, Dominic Toce. The plaintiff is an infant and the notice is filed in the name of Z. F. Lyons, her father and best friend, by Charles M. C. Doran, attorney. The plaintiff is but eighteen years of age, and was the cause of considerable gossip because of the alleged opposition of her parents to the marriage which occurred in January. The attorney says the marriage contract is to be broken on statutory grounds, although there is no declaration filed. The defendant is a musician and plays the violin in the orchestra at the Monticello Hotel. The name was incor-Monticello Hotel. The name was incor-rectly spelled in the marriage license with arriage of young Jessamine it mond, a former, but unsuccessful, lover, Landsman Augustus Sper, a member of the crew of the 'monitor Puritan, died at the Navat Hospital yesterday from blood-poisoning. On February 24th Byer was accidentally shot in the shoulder with a 22-calibre ball used in sub-calibre practice, with the monitor's big guns. The builtet passed entirely through the man's shoulder, but the wound was such a small one that it was not thought that it would be serious. Byer was, however, It would be serious. Byer was, however, transferred to the Naval Hospital for Louis and had been in the navy only

FOX HUNT AT NIGHT.

The rather unusual pleasure of a fox hunt at night was enjoyed by a party of thirty gentlemen and as many hounds last night. Mr. W. S. Huybert, deputy sheriff of Norfolk county, was the leading spirit. The party left Portsmouth about dark, some on horseback, some on foot, while others were in buggies. The hunters entered the brush a couple of miles from the naval magazine on St. Julian's Creek. The hounds struck the trail within a mile and a half of the magazine. The hounds packed beautifully and were in full chase, the fox leading in the direction of the city almshouse. Most of the party of hunters were keeping in the roads on account of danger in riding in the woods and brush, but those on foot were following wherever the chase led. The fox escaped, but the hunters returned satisfied with the sport he had led. FOX HUNT AT NIGHT.

led. The fox escaped, but the hunters returned satisfied with the sport he had led.

The catching of Henry Jones, alias Sick Boy, has revealed a new method of criminals to the police detectives. The police knew the negro man who goes by the suggestive title of Sick Boy, and they suspected him of thievery, because they knew he had no legitimate occupation. But they did not wish to arrest him, just to have him turned loose again for lack of evidence of crime. They waited and watched. That was the plan of the new Sergeant of Detectives Heppel and Chier of Police Vellines. They determined that Harris was the robber and after watching they found that he pursued his thieving in the morning and disposed of his plunder to the Church-Street shoemaker. The police were baffled by both of these unusual methods, and therefore Harris was not caught. The stuff that he took has been identified by the owners, and the proof against him is complete. He has confessed to some things. He said he sot but \$3 for a diamond ring that is estimated to be worth \$100. If he had known the real value of the ring, he said, the pawnes would not have paid so little. By this admission he confessed to the robbery. The detectives have a great deal of valuable jeweiry as evidence.

AN INQUIRY.

The office of the Board of Health this bring received one of the many freak there shat come to that department be letter is from Russia and caused combine the many freak that come to that department be letter is from Russia and caused combine the many freak that come to that department be a musement in the office when have this morning by Clerk Pannili, tempt in a woman by the name of Mary pull theage, asking about her husband, and akkeeseneage, who is said to have a city in 1897. It asks if the accept of the many property and re-

The lotter requests that a reply be sent to

G. Grodzicki,
Gulernia Placka,
Lipno,
Russ Poland,
44 Taktypska Str.
While working on a stack of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News
Railway and Light Company yesterday, Jim Bludsoe fell forty feet, breaking his arm, and suffering a contusion of
his skull. He was taken to St. Vincent's
Hospital,
The question of individual drinking
cups is before the School Board, Superintendent Doble supports the measure, but
did not receive the encouragement that
he expected from the members of the
board. The matter was brought up
through the recommendation of C. H.
Bull, who addressed a letter to the board
recommending the adoption of the rule
requiring separate drinking cups for each
scholar. Mr. Ruffin said this was carrying sanitary measures too far. He
clared the idea as nonsensionl as the
anti-kissing bill, and a humorous colloquy
onsued between him and Judge Keeling.
The subject was referred to the Board
of Health.

The subject was always and the field a petition in bankruptcy in the United a petition in bankruptcy in the United states District Court to-day. He is a mechanic, and he states that his debts and he gassats \$40. The majority

are \$394 and his assets \$40. The majority of his creditors are at Roanoke, with a few at Newport News.

The torpodo-boat Chauncey, which went out on a trial trip with Captain F. J. Train of the trial board this morning, has not reported her return at the navy-yard. She had a bad storm in which to take her trial, followed by thick weather and a fog. She is probably detained at the capes.

FROM ASHLAND

Memorial Association's Donation Confederate Organizations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHLAND, VA., March 11.—The ladies of the Ashland Memorial Association at a meeting held Tuesday decided to send a donation from the funds in the treasto the Confederate Bazaar; one also to the Davis Memorial Association, and one also to the Confederate Museum. Several of the Indies of the Association will take part in the bazaar that will be held in Richmond in a few

so been sick for some weeks, but lately he condition has grown very serious. She had adupter of Assistant Postmaster Grubbs, of Richmond, and one of the most attractive ladies in this town. Yiee-Grand Regent McFadden, of Lynchburg, visited officially Henry Clay Council, Royal Arcanum, last night. He was entertained after the business meeting was held. During the evening he made a sincere and enthusinastic address on the benefits and privileges of the order. The council here has one hundred and nine members, with three applications on file.

The Town Council meets on There are night.

will be up for discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Maloney, of Rebmond, and Miss Stevenson, of Delaware, are guests at the Henry Clay Interval applications for summer board are being received at this new and handsome hotel. The prospects for spring and summer are most flattering.

RAPPAHANNOCK MUDDY

Spring Freshets Have Caused Great Destruction of Oysters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOWLER'S WHARF, VA., March 11.-BOWLER'S WHARF, VA., March II.—
The recent heavy rains have made the
water in the Rappahannock River as far
down as this point very muddy and
fresh, which if continued, will prove very
destructive to oysters. For the past two
seasons oysters have died in this part
of the river from the spring freshets to

tions of Oysters.

Farmers are taking advantage of the spring days, but owing to wet soason are a little behind with their work. The bulk of the pea crop was not planted until last week. This crop is raised very extensively in this section, principally for the Baltimore market, but some being sold to home canneries.

The river is being threaded with fish terms and notes but and this time the

traps and nets, but up to this time the catch has been very small.

PROTEST AGAINST RAILROAD

Leesburg Business Men Discontented With Service of the Southern.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, VA., March 11.—The Business Men's League of this place, for the purpose of effecting better transportation service and procuring reduced rates, of freight over the Southern Railway to Leesburg, met on Tuesday night, March 10th, and adopted resolutions embodying the grievances. This league will co-operate with the representative business men of other neighboring towns, who are also complainants, in presenting a unnimous protest against the present unsatisfactory service of the Southern Railway Company, Rates of freight over the Baltimore and Ohlo and Point of Rocks Bridge have been ascertained, and there is a strong sentiment for abandoning railroad transportation entirely until railroad transportation entirely until ng railroad transported.

LEESBURG HORSE SHOW

Wednesday and Thursday, June 3d 4th, are Dates Selected.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., Marca 11.—The Board of Directors of the Horse and Colt Show Association of Loudoun, at their recent meeting, selected Wednesday and Thursday, June 3d and 4th, as the dates for the next show at the old Fair Grounds, near Leesburg, which were recently purchased by the association. Messrs. Chas. R. Mott, E. E. Garrett and W. C. Fustis are a committee to make up the premium list and rules governing the same. Oreat interest is manifested, and the prospects are very encouraging.



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Be sure to Try it.

INJURED BE LAUNCHED

Peculiar Accident Happens to a Stafford Man. Christen the West Virginia.

NEGRO ASKED TO LEAVE

No Roosevelt-Booker Washington Incidents Permitted in Fredericksburg Cafes - Railroad Location In Stafford County Changed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 11.-Mr. Charles Schooler, of Stafford county, not with a peculiar accident at Brooke road, a fast passenger train passed, and just as the tender was opposite Schooler, a post nearby, a piece of which struck schooler on the cheek, just below the cutting entirely through it and caving a gaping wound. Had the large lump struck Schooler, it would have killed him instantly. The injured man was brought here for treatment, and the

A well dressed stranger arrived here last night and employed a colored boy to carry his satchel. He went to a fashionable cafe and ordered supper for two. The ladies and gentlemen in the cafe at the time were greatly surprised when the colored boy was invited to take a sent at one of the tables with the stranger. He was soon notified, however, that no President Roosevelt and Booker Washington dining would be allowed in the cafe, which was intended for white people, so the colored youth jet without his supper.

lowed in the cafe, which was intended for white people, so the colored youth for white people, so the colored youth the twithout his supper.

In double tracking the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, the line will be changed just north of this city after crossing the Rappahan-nock River, which will save a considerable distance and avoid a sharp curve. In making this change, the main public highway from the Northern Neck will go under the railroad, instead of overit as at present, and the White Oak road and other main roads leading to this city will also go under the tracks instead of over them, thus avoiding the risks of life at the crossings, where so many and such fast trains are continually passing. The public road at Brooke Station, and most of the other county roads which cross the railroad, will be changed to go under the tracks instead of over them as at present. This agreement will be welcomed by citzens gonerally all along the line, and the country people coming to this city and travoling in various parts of the county whore the roads cross the tracks can do so, when these improvements are completed, without running risks at crossings.

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At a meeting of the Betty Washington Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of this city, it was decided to invite the State conference to hold its annual meeting here in 1904.

Considerable interest is fold in the election to take place in Stafford county on Thursday, March 19th, on the question of subscribing \$50,000 to the capital stock of the Rappanhannock and Fredericksburg electric railroad, which will run through Rappanhannock Culpoper and Stafford countles to deep water on the Potomac River. The projectors also state that connection will be made with Alexandria and Washington at a point in Prince William or Fairfax, Rappahannock and Culpoper countles have already voted the subscription of \$50,000.

Superintendent of Schools James Ashby and the public school teachers of Stafford county will hold an institute at Ramoth Church, in that county, on Friday, March 13th, for the discussion of educational matters.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. J. J

The soven-year-old son of Mr. J. J. Sale, of King Goorge county, who was playing with his father's gun in dragging it about the room and not knowing the danger, was so seriously injured in the arm by the gun discharging that the arm will probably have to be amupated.

A new council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics has been organized at Port Royal, Caroline county, by Rev. W. C. Latune, of Westmoreland county, State chaplain, with twenty-live charter members. Mr. W. T. Pearly

by Rev. W. C. Latune, of westmore-land county, State chaplain, with twenty-five charter members. Mr. W. T. Pratt was made councillor of the new council, and Rev. S. S. Ware chaplain. The residence of Mr. J. Lemuel Wheeler in Spotsylvania county, was destroyed by fire this week. The property was nartially insured.

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A portion of the old Concord farm in Caroline county, belonging to the estate of James D. Coleman, was sold at Caroline court this week at public auction, and brought extremely low prices. Two hundred and skyr-six acres were purchased by Mr. E. M. Coleman for \$265, and Mr. F. W. Chandler secured 254 acres for \$105.

A portrait of Judge John Thomas Jones, of Helena, Arkansas, has been added to the handsome collection of portraits which adorn the walls of the Essex county courthouse at Tappahanhannock. The portrait is the work of Mrs. Paul Jones, of New York, a daughter of Judge Jones. Judge Jones was born in Essex county. October 11, 1811, at Farmville, which has been the arcestral homestead of the Jones famility since 1862.

Hanover News.

(Special to The Thies-Dispatch.)
MECHANICSVILLE, VA., March 11.—
There is a great deal of sickness in this
syicinity. The prevalent diseases are
pneumonia and measles.
The doctors are kept busy indeed.
Mrs. Sain Jeter and Mr. Allie Roberts,
who have been very sick, are improving.
Miss Mary Starke has been absent from
school for some days on account of the
said death of her aunt, Mrs. Puller, of
Richmond.

Richmond.

Mrs. Charlie Jeter, who has been visiting Curl's Neck, on account of the illness of her mother, has just returned home.

Mr. John B. Verlander was called to King William on account of the death of his brother's wife.

Miss Norma Bruce and her best box Miss Norma Bruce and her brothers Messrs. Kennith and Duff Bruce, are among the victims of the grip.
The W. C. T. U. of this county will hold its first county convention at Ashland on the 28th instant.

At the Macklenburg. (Snoclal to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHASD CITY, March II.—AttorneyGeneral Anderson and Mr. R. W.
Powers, of Richmond, are stopping at
the Mecklenburg.

Killed in Bedford. MONTVALE. VA. March 11.-Lynch Broughlan, prominently connected, was killed to-day at Dewey mines by a cave-in of rock.

Miss Kåtherine White Will

APRIL 18TH THE DATE SET

Capt. Passatore, of the Italian Steamship lipiemonte, Reports to the Police the Disappearance of Several Members of His Crew.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 11. A private telegram received here to night from Rear-Admiral F. T. Bowles, chief constructor United States Navy states that April 18 has been officially determined upon as the date for the West Virginia, Miss Katherine White will christen the ship. The date for the launching of the Maryland, a sister ship has not been selected.

Captain G. Passatore, of the Italian steamship Ilpiemonte, has reported to the police the disappearance of nine the police the disappearance of fine members of his crew, who, he believes were drugged and shanghaled. Captain Passatore must reach Pensacola by a given date and was averse to giving any of his men shore leave. Their protestations of loyalty and supplications prevailed and be alloyed upon 1, 150, 2810cr. valled, and he allowed nine to go valled, and he allowed nine to go ashore, first taking the precaution to swear them on a crueffx that they would return at the proper time. Captain Passacree says his men were well treated and were satisfied, and he does not believe they deserted. He asked the police authorities to investigate the matter. William Mitchell, colored, was given two years in the penitentiary to-day for

larceny. Frank Perry, colored, was given twelve months in jall for felonious assault and six months for stabbling a fellow-prisoner since he has been in jall. The Dutch steamship Seestdyk, which left Rotterdam thirteen days after the Sixteedyk, which arrived vestorday ar-Sloterdyk, which arrived yestorday, arrived to-day, having made the trip, in eighteen days.

INCENDIARY FIRE

Implement Shed and All Contents Were

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WOODSTOCK, VA., March 11.—News
has been received here of the total destruction of the implement shed and all the farming implements belonging to Mr. Robert C. Snapp, a prominent farmer residing east of Edenburg. The fire was of incendiary origin, and loss amounted to several hundred dollars, with small-

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The farmers in this vicinity are much encouraged over the condition of the growing wheat crop, which they claim is in better condition at this season thun for a number of years past.

The Shenandoah county grand jury have returned three true bills this week—two against Richard Brooks, who is charged with an assault with attempt to kill an officer whilst resisting arrest, and one against Taylor Compton, of Edith, for felonious assault upon Frank Marston.

Shenandoah Camp, Confederate Vete-rans, of Woodstock, will dedicate the hall in the front part of the courthouse. which will be used for no other purpose than for meetings of the Veterans,

CUCUMBERS WANTED

Pickle Company May Build a Large Plant at Suffolk.

Plant at Suffolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., March 11.—According to Superintendent Flanders, who represents Helinz, the Pittsburg pickle man, in Eastern Virginia, Helinz will put up a saiting station here. Flanders was here to-day. He says farmers have already pledged thomselves to plant 150 acres in cucumbers and he expects to get fifty acres more guaranteed. They what two acres for a site, which has not been secured. He says if he can get enough cucumbers Helinz may build a finishing factory at Suffolk, Helinz is different factory at Suffolk, Heinz is different from most men who propose to build factories. He does not ask the town for a free site, voluntary donations or anything else except that farmers grow enumbers, for which he will pay fitty cents a bushel.

ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death ou the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen askep. But the death was really due to carelensuess which made the accident



possible. There are lives sud denly termi nateri as

the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

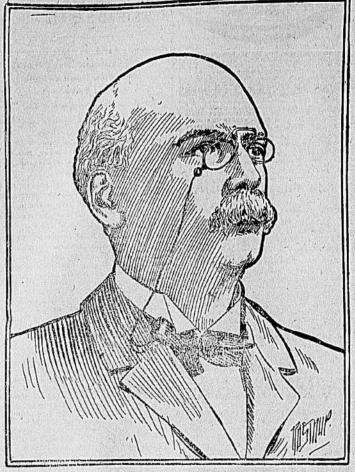
Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures biliousness, and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

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"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, so severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes Mr. Auron You Dam, of (Kensington) 250, 1901 Bt., Chicago, Ilh. "I could hardly work; it felt like a big weight hausing on me and got so bad that I had to fake medicine. I used Blomach Bitters for a time, but it did no good so I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, which he gave me impediately. I followed his directions; used two bottles of his medicine and was curred. I had torpid liver which was troubling the great to be a torpid liver which was troubling the cramps (as I thought), so Dr. Pierce told me, I have pleasure in living now have gained in weight is pounds since hea.

Dr. Metree's Pleasant Pellets cure con-Dr. Fierce's Pleasant Pellets cure con-stipation withey do not beget the

quests that frequent letters be written paint on the matter. The lotter requests that a reply be sent to the matter. APPOMATIOX CAPT. C. M. BLACKFORD



CAPT. CHARLES M. BLACKFORD.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March II.—The funcial of Captain Charles M. Blackford, who died in Lynchburg Tuesday afternoon, will take place from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. A large number of relatives and friends of the deceased are in the city to attend the funeral, among them being Mr. William H. Blackford, of

NEW WATER SUPPLY FOR LYNCHBURG

Richmond Scientists Repor on Water from Pedlar River With High Approval.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 11.-By or der of the Water Committee, City Engineer H. L. Shaner, at the beginning of last month, took a trip to that portion of Pedlar River, in Amherst county from which is is proposed to draw the water supply of the city, and obtained therefrom two five-gallon samples of the water, taken from the middle of the stream. These were sent to Richmond, to Messrs. Froehling and Robertson, analytical and consulting chemists, for Full detailed reports have just been received by the City Engineer concerning these samples. For drinking purposes a summary of the chemica to be very pure and free from organic

The following is also the summary of The following is also the summery of the bacteriological examination made by Messrs. Frochling and Robertson: "In-oculations from none of these colonies produced gas in fermentation. Fermen-tation tubes charged with 1 c. c. water showed no gas of any suspicious or-

showed no gas of any suspicious organisms. This was confirmed by several other tests, all of which gave negative results. The microscopic examination of the suspended matters showed them to consist principally of clay, with only a few diatoms, desmids and algae. This water, therefore, appears perfectly suited for your city supply, as it is free from all objectionable matters."

An analysis as to the fitness of the water for manufacturing purposes is summarized in these significant words: "Showing the water to be an almost perfect boiler water."

The last tobacco sale which will probably ever take place in Martin's warehouse, corner of Commerce and Tenti Streets occurred there this morning, the building having been rented to the American Cigar Company, who will use it for a storage warehouse. Martin's warehouse has been used for tobacco sales for the past fifty or seventy years, and now that it will be utilized for other purposes, it leaves only Booker's, Farmers' Pace's and Lynch's warehouses in the field. The property was purchased a year or so ago by Mr. Max Guggenhelmer, Jr.

At a called meeting of Hill City Council, No. 130, V. C. T., last Saturday night it was decided to hold a carnival in Rivermont May lith to lefth, the week following a similar event in Roanoke, Since then a contract has been signed with the Will S. Heek Carnival Company, of Cincinnati, to locate their shows on grounds near the Horse Show building for the period named.

BITTEN BY A HORSE

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Farmer's Ankle Crushed by Animal He Was Trying to Help.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNOHBURG, VA., March 11.-One of the strangest accidents recorded in Amherst took place there the other day. L. T. Burford, a prosperous farmer of L. T. Burford, a prosperous farmer of Pedlar Valley, was working in a field with a heavy wagon drawn by two large horses. The animal on the upper side bit at his companion, and in doing so slipped to the ground. As Mr. Burford ran forward the fallen horse seized him by the ankie, and rising to his front feet and retaining a vise-like grip on Mr. Burford, shook him in the air as if he mad been a piece of cloth. The animal's powerful jaws crushed the bones of Mr. Burford's ankie as if they were kindling wood. Mr. Burford would certainly flave been killed but for the timely arrival of assistance. As it was, he was sciously injured.

WORK SUSPENDED IN APPOMATTOX

Farmers Have Been Seriously Handicapped by Weather Conditions.

SPANISH OAKS, VA., March 11 .- The ain continues without abatement, and There has been only one week since proper order for ploughing, and as very little ploughing was done last fall, our farmers will have to bestir themselves when this wet weather does break up, in order to get their spring crops seeded in due time. The mild weather which has prevailed

for some weeks has been favorable to the growth of wheat and winter oats, and these crops are looking unusually well. and seeded, and the usual area will be set in tobacco. Most of last year's crop has been marketed. The prices obtained for lugs and good dark shipping have been good, but for medium grades the prices have ruled very low. Unfortunate-ity for the farmers, the bulk of the crop was of the latter class. Yet many will not profit by experience, but will con-tinue from year to war to make an in-

tinue from year to year to make an inferior grade of tobacco, for which there is no demand, when they could, by reducing the area and by better fertilization and better cultivation, produce a high grade of tobacco, which is always in demand and which will command good prices on any market.

The reads are in fearful condition, and have been so all winter, and the people are doing lots of grumbling. All seem to want good reads, but don't seem to realize at all that it takes money to build good roads, and that good roads will come whenever the people are willing to put up the money that it will cost to build good roads, and that good roads will come whenever the people are willing to put up the money that it will cost to build them, and not till then.

There is very little doing in a political way in Appenantox county. The candidates for the several offices to be filled this fall have not begun to show up yet, except as to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue. There are two candidates for this office now in the field, and both were quite active. There will very likely be others in the field ere long, and the light promises to be interesting to a degree, but will be confined to the Democratic party, for since the elimination of the negor from the politics of the county in Ropublicans have been shorn of their power and will not in future be a disturbing element.

Wedding Cards.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARRISONBURG, VA., March 11.—
Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Alma Hollander, of this city, to Mr. Jean Joel, of Ronnoke, who is connected with the management of the Norfolk and Western there.



Sold by respectable wine dealers everywhere.

Sole Makers.

DIVERSION

Government Engineers Confer With Petersburg Committee

THE PLAN'S ADVANTAGES

Nothing Definite Has Been Done Yet by the Conference - Preliminary Details Will Be Arranged for the Work.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., March 11.—Colo nel J. H. Quinn and Mr. H. C. Harper, of Norfolk, the engineers in charge of the Appomattox River improvements en in Petersburg all day in conference with the Council committee having to charge the diversion plan. These genevening, and during their wisit the plan thing definite has yet been done by the any definite plans perfected beyond praiminary arrangements for the work. If to accept reasonable compensation for the land over which the water is to run, it is very likely that matters would be expedited. The committee does not

be expedited. The committee does not anticipate much delay on this account, nowover, as the owners by the land are citizens of Petersburg, and out of a desire to see the plan consummated it is very probable that they will be glad to sacrifice a few dollars in its behalf. At the conference of the committee with Col. Quinn and Mr. Harper this evening it was decided to send a delegation to Washington to lay all the plans before the chief of engineers. Col. Quinn is as enthusiastic over the contemplated improvement as any citicontemplated improvement as any citi-zen of Petersburg. Another conference will be held to- morrow.

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NEGRO CHURCH ROW.

The deacons and many members have been turned out of Harrison Street Church, colored, and the pastor Rev. E. E. Watts, may be turned out, too, All members excommunicated during the past ten years, the term of the present pastor, have been received into the full fellowship by those members who claim now to be the official church. The disturbance arose over the burial of Spencer Green, one of the oldest members, who recently died. The deacons at that time refused to permit the body to be buried from the church by the undertaker in charge, who is a member of another church, unless he apologized to the church body for the things he had said on account of their desiring their own member, who is an undertaker, to take charge of the funeral. The two meetings thus far held have been fast and furious. The Mayor has been appealed to in the matter, and probably the muddle will yet find its way into the courts. A threat on the part of some of the members to storm the home of Brown, the undertaker, who is a member of Harison Street Church, was not carried into effect, as they were informed as to the reception with which they would meet.

TOOK ONLY MONEY.

TOOK ONLY MONEY Thieves seeking money solely, he homes of Mr. Spencer Smith,

of Dr. C. R. Alexander, colored, in this city, last night and cut to shreds three sets of hurness. An effort is being made to detect the perpetrators of the

of the most prosperous and people colored men in Petersburg.

Three men, supposed to be from the United States navy, rested in Petersburg to-day.

A committee has been appointed to the seventy-fifth anniversar, the states of the seventy-fifth anniversar, in Petersburgh Petersburgh Petersburght.

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TO KILL HIS WIFE.
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The steamer S. A. McCall will make her last trip between Norfolk and Petersburg to-morrow.

The first service in the improved auditorium of Market Street Methodist. Church will be held Sunday. There will be special music, and the sermon will be preached by Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Raleigh, N. C.

The Episcopal churches at Dinwiddle Courthouse. Sapony and the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Dinwiddle courty, have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Sputhally of Farmyille.

The Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Greensbore, N. C., have purchased a handsome residence to be occupied by their pastor, Rev. Dr. Batte.

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The Petersburg Lodge of Elks to-night initiated several members,
Mr. Russell D. Wood and Miss Carrie Lee Wilkerson were married to-night at the home of Mr. Wilkerson, the bride's father, in Prince George county, near this city.

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(B)secial to The Times-Dispetch.)
HARKISONBURG, VA., March II.—
Condemnation proceedings have been begun at this place by the Virginia Central Railroad to condemn a right of way through the North Mountains, which separate this county from West Virginia. The notices have all been served on the Virious land owners. The Virginia Central Railway is chartered by the Legislature of this State, but it is supposed to be owned by the West Virginia Central. The people of this section are much pleased at the prospect of the West Virginia Central building through here.

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SUFFOLK: VA., March 11.—There is a man in a nearly county who has taken a rather novel method of getting even with his wife. His wife is don't to a degree, and he has to talk very loud to make her understand.—Often he has to say his words over several times. This used to worry the husband so much that he set about to equalize matters.

He hit upon the happy plan of stuffing his cars full of cotton. Now his wife has to shout as loud as he shouts to har. The home is happy once more, but some times the man forgets to remove the countries the man forgets to remove the countries.